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**A trichotomy theorem in natural models of  $AD^+$ . (English summary)**

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Cardinality arguments assuming the axiom of determinacy AD are quite different from their ZFC counterparts. During the last three decades, the influence of AD on the structure of the *cardinalities of well-orderable sets* (i.e. the *cardinals*) has been extensively investigated, but relatively little is known regarding the *cardinality of arbitrary sets*. This nicely written paper presents a few results that bear on these matters. In particular: if  $X$  is any uncountable set, then  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\omega_1$  can be embedded into  $X$ . This result is derived from a general trichotomy result for quasi-orders, which generalizes previous results of J. H. Silver [*Ann. Math. Logic* **18** (1980), no. 1, 1–28; [MR0568914 \(81d:03051\)](#)], M. D. Foreman [in *Logic, methodology and philosophy of science, VIII (Moscow, 1987)*, 223–244, *Stud. Logic Found. Math.*, 126, North-Holland, Amsterdam, 1989; [MR1034565 \(90m:03086\)](#)] and G. Hjorth [*J. Symbolic Logic* **60** (1995), no. 4, 1199–1207; [MR1367205 \(97c:03126\)](#)]: given a quasi-order  $(X, \leq)$ , either it can be decomposed into a well-ordered union of quasi-chains, or it admits a perfect set of  $\leq$ -incomparable elements, or  $\mathbb{R}/E_0$  embeds into  $X$ , where  $E_0$  is the Vitali equivalence relation. Using these techniques the authors prove that the countable-finite games [M. Scheepers, *J. Symbolic Logic* **56** (1991), no. 3, 786–794; [MR1129143 \(92m:03075\)](#)] are not determined. All these results are proved under  $AD^+$  (a technical strengthening of AD due to Woodin) with the additional assumption that either  $V = L(\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R}))$  or else  $V = L(T, \mathbb{R})$ , with  $T$  a set of ordinals. The authors should be commended for providing a highly readable introduction to the theory of  $AD^+$ .

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